

221st BSB – Wiesbaden, Wackernheim, Dexheim



Army Community Service news

Easter services

Hainerberg Chapel

April 4, 11 Stations of the Cross Catholic services at 5 p.m.

April 13 Palm Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.

April 17 Holy Thursday Mass at 6:30 p.m.

April 18 Good Friday Mass at 6:30 p.m.

April 19 Holy Saturday Mass at 6:30 p.m.

April 20 Easter Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.; Potluck and egg hunt at 10 a.m.; Community Easter Service at 11 a.m.

Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel

April 20 Easter Sunday Service at 10 a.m. and Easter Sunday Mass at 5 p.m.

Families needed

Host families are needed to house visiting students attending the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe 2003 all Europe Drama Festival at H.H. Arnold High School April 27-30. Hosts must be prepared to provide some transportation, overnight accommodations and breakfasts for three days. To register as a host family or for more information call mil 337-6319, civ (0611) 380-6319 during duty hours or civ (0611) 174 8474 during the evening.

Volunteer ceremony

Team 221st hosts a volunteer recognition ceremony April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Community Activities Center. All volunteers must be registered through the Volunteer Coordinator's Office to receive credit for their volunteer hours. Call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034 for more information.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to deliver refreshments to troops on force protection duty. For more information call the USO at civ (0611) 721-010.

The Tony Bass Fitness Center needs volunteers for equipment issue, athletic events and enforcing facility rules. Work schedules can be tailored to meet individual needs. For more information call mil 337-5943 or civ (0611) 705-5943.

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers for the Healthy Baby Pregnancy class and at both the community mailrooms and the Army Post Office. For more information call mil 337-1760 or civ (0611) 705-1760.



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke

A new idol?

Lee Maddox sings "The Fishing Song" during the Dexheim Idol talent show March 13. Sponsored by the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, the Dexheim Idol was complete with an interactive crowd and judges, to include biting comments from "Simon," portrayed by Maj. Danny Tilzey, 123rd Main Support Battalion executive officer, who noted Maddox's expertise (or lack thereof) to lip synching.

Family expo

Dexheim Army Community Service hosts a Soldier and Family Readiness Expo April 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find out what services and programs are available during deployments.

Parent programs

The New Parent Education and Support Program assists pregnant women and families with children up to age 4. Focusing primarily on a home visit program, NPESP also offers parent support groups, toddler playtime and parenting classes. All services are free, voluntary and confidential.

The New Parenting Playgroup meets every Friday from 9:30-11 a.m. at Dexheim Army Community Service.

The Single Parent Support Group meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at Dexheim ACS from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Wiesbaden Health Clinic will host a labor and delivery class Tuesdays from 1-3:30 p.m. For more information call mil 337-5273 or civ

(0611) 705-5273.

Toddler Time is a play group designed to help parents discover how children learn and develop through play and positive group interaction. A group meets every Wednesday at the NPESP Training Room in the Women, Infants and Children Building (Building 07005) in Crestview Housing from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The New Parent Support Group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. at Building 07005 in Crestview Housing. The group is a monthly gathering for parents-to-be and parents of newborns, infants and toddlers. An Infant and Toddler Parenting Class meets Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. in Building 07005 in Crestview Housing. The structured class is designed to explore and answer parenting questions. For more information call mil 338-7721, 337-5754 or civ (0611) 380-7721/705-5754.

Positions available

Choctaw Management Services

Enterprise has a full-time position for a registered dietitian/nutritionist and an administrative assistant at the Wiesbaden Women, Infant and Children Program office. Both positions require a U.S. Army Europe driver's license and travel. Resumes can be sent to wieswicuurse@yahoo.com or faxed to civ (0611) 380-7836 or dropped off at the WIC office in Building 7005 in Crestview Housing.

Extended hours

Wiesbaden Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment has extended its hours to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The 221st Base Support Battalion Housing Office is now open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

Dexheim tour

Dexheim Army Community Service offers a new bus tour visiting interesting cities and locations to help get acquainted with your new community. The next tour will be held April 23. For more information or to reserve a seat call mil 334-5716 or civ (06133) 69-622.

Rheinblick news

Join the Rheinblick Golf Course for Friday Night Scrambles starting April 25 at 6 p.m. This is a four-person scramble, select-shot team event. A Two-Man Best Ball Blickster tournament will be held April 26 at 9 a.m. To sign up for these and other golf tournaments call mil 336-2816.

FRG session

Family Readiness Group Networking Sessions are held at Army Community Service, Building 7790 in Hainerberg Housing. The next FRG session will be held April 9 from 10-11 a.m. at ACS. Call Edwina Brown at mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034 for more information.

Army Family Team Building

Wiesbaden/Dexheim Army Family Team Building offers training to spouses, civilians and family members including teens. Benefits of training include enhancing employment opportunities, promoting self-reliance, learning the ability to adapt to change with minimal stress and preparing families to face challenges of the military lifestyle. Classes are held every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon at Army Community Service in Hainerberg Housing. Night classes are held the second Tuesday of the month at Dexheim and the third Tuesday of the month in Hainerberg from 6-8 p.m. A Welcome to Wiesbaden class is held at the American Arms Hotel,

Room 240 the first and third Monday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

Hourly child care

Hourly child care is now available at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Child Development Center. The child must be enrolled through the Central Enrollment Registry before receiving care. For more information call mil 338-7592 or civ (0611) 380-7592. For reservations call mil 337-6282 or civ (0611) 705-6282. Reservations can be made up to one month in advance. Hourly child care pre-paid cards are available for purchase in blocks of 10 hours of care and can be purchased through the Central Enrollment Registry.

Flea market

The German-American Women's Club of Wiesbaden hosts a flea market April 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Kurhaus-Kolonnaden. Donations to the club can be made by calling (0611) 509617.

Babysitters

Babysitters are needed to provide child care in the home of a family. Sign up at the 221st Central Enrollment Office. For more information call mil 338-5383 or civ (0611) 380-5383.

Religious services

Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel holds Protestant services at 10 a.m., Gospel services at 12:45 p.m. and Catholic Services at 5 p.m. Sunday. Hainerberg Chapel features Catholic services at 9 a.m. and Protestant services at 11 a.m. Sunday. For more information call mil 337-1570 or civ (0611) 705-1570.

Child care needed

Do you like children? Want to earn a paycheck while working from home? Become a Family Child Care provider. Stay home with your children, work from your home, develop professionally with free training and get paid at the same time. Call the FCC office at civ (0611) 380-7729 for more information.

Jobs available

Wiesbaden Nonappropriated Fund Civilian Personnel Office has open and continuous announcements for the following positions: Child Development Center program assistant, operations assistant, custodial workers, cooks (Dexheim), food service workers, recreation aides, food and beverage attendants, materials handler, bar assis-

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Photo by Cassandra Kardeke

Barbara Hickman, Wiesbaden American Middle School assistant principal, pulls out packages for customers at the community mailroom at Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

Work never ceases at community mailrooms

Change of address for CMR 430 to start

By Cassandra Kardeke
221st Base Support Battalion
Public Affairs Office

Even in the digital age, postal officials stay extremely busy.

"I never knew just how much work there is to do in a mailroom until now," said Dr. Pete Price, Wiesbaden Middle School principal. Department of Defense Dependents Schools administrators and staff volunteered an afternoon of their time to pitch in with pitching mail after learning about the immense job facing local community mailroom staffs.

"We have really been inundated with mail, especially the week after the blizzard hit the East Coast in the United States," said Capt. Andrew Montoya, 221st Base Support Battalion postal officer.

It certainly looked as if Christmas had come early as loads and loads of mail arrived at the consolidated Community Mailroom 467

throughout the day.

"Volunteers are always in need here at the mailroom," said 2nd Lt. Scott McLendon, 221st Base Support Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment executive officer. Whether it's a couple hours a day, or once or twice a week, anyone wishing to volunteer at the mailroom can register with the installation volunteer coordinator at Army Community Service, Building 7790 in Hainerberg Housing.

As many mailroom customers know, CMRs 430 and 467 combined last December. At that time no addresses were changed because of the Christmas mailing season; however, postal officials are now asking customers to begin notifying family, friends and businesses of the new address.

"The new address really only affects CMR 430 customers. No one had a box number change, only the CMR," said Montoya. All CMR 467

customers will continue with the same address. CMR 430 customers only need to change their address to reflect CMR 467.

Along with the influx of mail and address changes, the Army Post Office has put out information pertaining to Military Postal Service mail sent to Kuwait, Turkey and Israel. All packages must weigh no more than 70 pounds. Packages sent to Kuwait and Turkey can be no larger than 72 inches in length and width combined, 130 inches combined for packages sent to Israel. Items requiring special services such as certified, registered or insured require postage. No express military service is provided to the three locations.

No matter where you are mailing a package, no securities, currency, precious metal, obscene articles, religious materials, firearms, fruits, animals, live plants or alcoholic beverages can be mailed.

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tant and waiters (Dexheim). Announcements are also listed at www.chrma.hqusa.army.mil. For more information call mil 337-5272 or civ (0611) 705-5272.

Instructors needed

Share your special talents with the youth of the future by becoming an instructor at Wiesbaden Youth Services. Instructors are needed to teach ballet, dance, gymnastics, guitar, piano, tap, jazz and various talents. Positions are contract positions with YS. Call mil 338-7592 or civ (0611) 380-7592 for more information.

Loan Closet

Household items are available for loan to you and your family at no charge through Army Community Service's Loan Closet. Basic living items include pots, pans, dishes, cooking and eating utensils, irons and ironing boards, coffee makers, toasters and microwave ovens. Children's items include booster seats, strollers, cribs, car seats, highchairs and sure gates. Call mil 337-5754 or civ (0611) 705-5754 for more information.

Resume class

Army Community Service offers

resume classes every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in Building 7790, Room 22, in Hainerberg Housing and at 3 p.m. at the American Arms Hotel, Room 240. Evening classes are held at 6 p.m. the last Thursday of each month at the American Arms Hotel. For more information call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

BOSS meeting

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the 221st Base Support Battalion conference room.

Spouses lunch

The Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club monthly luncheon will be held April 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Wiesbaden Catering Center. For reservations call civ (0611) 565 7401 or (0611) 505 5712.

Emergency care providers needed

Wiesbaden Army Community Service seeks emergency placement care providers. Free training and certification is offered. For more information call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

Adoption support

An Adoption Support Group meets the second Tuesday of the

month at 7 p.m. at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Wiesbaden. Topics include how to adopt overseas, choosing an agency, medical and developmental issues, post adoption support, home studies, Immigration and Naturalization procedures and cross cultural issues. For more information call civ (06775) 960 675 or (0178) 296 2102.

Supplemental aid

The Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance program offers eligible active duty service members to increase the basic allowance for subsistence up to \$500 a month. Eligibility is based on gross income of the entire household. For more information call mil 337-5754 or civ (0611) 705-5754.

Newcomers tour

Army Community Service hosts a community orientation for soldiers, civilians and their family members the last Wednesday of every month. The tour begins at 9 a.m. at ACS and ends with lunch at the Wiesbaden Dining Facility. This tour allows newcomers to experience the community visually without trying to locate facilities. Reservations must be made by 1 p.m. the day before the tour. For more information call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611)

705-5034. A Newcomers Class is held the first and third Monday from 6-7:30 p.m. at the American Arms Hotel. Stop by the Information Center at the Arms Hotel for more information.

WIC Overseas

The Women, Infants and Children Overseas program is available to eligible military families in Wiesbaden and Dexheim. In recognition of their first anniversary, the Wiesbaden WIC office hosted an open house from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 28 for all members of the community. For more information about WIC-O call mil 338-7366, civ (0611) 380-7366 or stop by the WIC office at Building 7005 in Crestview Housing.

Computer lab hours

The computer lab at Army Community Service is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Use the computer lab to check email, research jobs and write resumes. Call mil 337-5034 or civ (0611) 705-5034.

Stress classes

Anger and stress management classes are held through Social Work Services. For more information or to sign up call mil 337-5297 or

civ (0611) 705-5297.

Financial readiness

Dexheim Army Community Service offers free classes on Leave and Earning Statement basics, debt liquidation, banking and credit services, budget development and record keeping, using credit wisely, insurance and consumer rights. Call mil 334-5827 to sign up.

McCully ACS

Army Community Service programs are now available at McCully Barracks every Wednesday and Friday. Services include Army Emergency Relief, Financial Readiness Planning, Family Advocacy Program, Family Member Employment Assistance, Volunteer Information, Relocation Assistance and unit and community training. ACS is located in the Soldier's Center, Building 6212 and can be reached at mil 334-4786 or civ (06132) 508 786.

Control anger

Social Work Services offers a four-week anger management group that teaches relaxation and self-calming skills that help you deal with adaptive responses when struggling with anger provoking situations. To sign up call mil 337-5297 or civ (0611) 705-5297.

More stops, better bus service starts

By Wendy McLendon

221st Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Spouses and family members in Crestview and Aukamm housing areas will soon have access to the Wiesbaden community shuttle bus.

Because of issues raised by community members during the Army Family Action Plan conference, deployments and increased force protection measures the shuttle bus will begin a new schedule with added stops April 7. "Increased bus service will cater to all housing areas, Mainz-Kastel, McCully Barracks, Dexheim and the American Arms Hotel," said Lavon Peoples, 221st Base Support Battalion director of logistics.

This new service has been specifically

designed to aid all spouses who have a hard time getting transportation, military and civilian employees coming and going from work and for deployed soldiers' families.

"With this new service, a spouse or family member can feel secure in knowing that he or she can get to the PX or any other service provided by the community that he or she might need," said Peoples.

The new shuttle service does come with stipulations. "Children under the age of 14 or below the ninth grade will be required to have

a parent or guardian with them when riding the bus," said Peoples. Bus operators will not

be held responsible for the actions of riders. "This isn't a babysitting service or means to transport your children to sports practices, it's just an added service to help those who have no other transportation," he said.


The new schedule will be used during deployments, seven days a week to include holidays. "If we find that people are taking advantage of the service we'll keep it running as scheduled," Peoples said.

Stops for the service include the housing area, motor pool and Mainz-Kastel Storage Station; the Welcome Center and Dining Facility at Wiesbaden Army Airfield; Hessen/Schlesweg Strasse and Westfalen/Rheinland Strasse in Aukamm; Marsweg/Saturn Strasse and Pluto/Merkur Strasse in Crestview; Washington Strasse, Texas Strasse, Colorado Strasse and the Commissary in Hainerberg; Dexheim Area Support Team and Building 6553 at Anderson Barracks and the McCully Barracks Dining Facility.

A shuttle to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center is also available and can be picked up at Mainz-Kastel TMP, the Wiesbaden Health Clinic and Anderson Barracks.

Click on the Directorate of Logistics link at www.wiesbaden.army.mil.

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Volunteer today and help safeguard your community by:

- ☛ Increasing threat awareness
- ☛ Actively observing your surroundings
- ☛ Watching out for your families and fellow soldiers

Please cut out and return this form to the Army Community Service Installation Volunteer Coordinator at ACS in Hainerberg Housing, Building 7790.

Name _____

Phone number _____

Housing area _____

Youth activities

Youth fest

Dexheim Army Community Service hosts a Kid's Fun Fest April 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in recognition of the Month of the Military Child. Activities include the Whopper Hopper, McGruff the Crime-fighting Dog, face painting, music, kid-care photos and much more. Dexheim ACS is located at Building 6460 in the housing area at Anderson Barracks.

Scouting in Wiesbaden

Bored? New in town? Make new friends and get together with old ones with Wiesbaden Scouts. Sign up today — Girl Scouts, call civ (06123) 899 593; Boy Scouts, call civ (0611) 520 532; Cub Scouts, call civ (01728) 044 8247.

Kinderfest set

Team 221st Kinderfest will be held April 19 at the Youth Center

Complex in Hainerberg Housing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's theme, "Visions of the Future," will feature plenty of fun and free activities to include a Youth Marathon, Easter egg hunt, European and American Teen Idol Contest and much more. Pick up the April 15 issue of the *Herald Union* to find out more.

YS hours

Wiesbaden Youth Services is open Monday through Thursday after school until 8 p.m. and from 3-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday for middle school students, until 11 p.m. for high school students. Students can participate in team building and leadership clubs such as the Nike Swoosh, Torch and Keystone clubs. Other activities include cooking, fine arts and teen sports.

Spring lock-in

Wiesbaden Youth Services

hosts a Pajama Jam High School Lock-in April 4 and a Middle School Spring Fever Dance and Lock-in April 11 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the YS gym. Activities include dancing, karaoke, limbo contest, flashlight tag and charades. A midnight snack and breakfast will be served. Membership is not required; however, parents must complete a permission slip for the lock-in.

Pajama lock-in

Wiesbaden Youth Services hosts a Pajama Jam High School Lock-in April 4 from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. A Teen Forum will be held at midnight to plan out future activities and events for high school aged students. A snack and breakfast will be served.

Family fitness

Wiesbaden Youth Services hosts a Family Fitness Day April 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Events include a two-mile walk/run and two-minute timed pushup and sit-up competition. Teams must consist of a parent and child.

Monthly barbecue

Held on the first Friday of every month, Wiesbaden Youth Services offers a barbecue for all registered members after school. This is also a great opportunity for new youths in the community to get to know other children and what activities are available through Youth Services.

Spring break trips

Spend Spring Break on daily trips with Youth Services to Miramar Water Park, rock climbing, go-karting, bowling and roller skating. Entrance fees will be charged. The bus leaves at noon each day (April 7-11) and returns by 7 p.m. for each trip. Trips are open to all middle and high school students.

Deployment: Did you know?

Army provides secure email for families

Army Knowledge Online at <https://www.us.army.mil> is the Army's worldwide Intranet and is accessible from any Internet connection worldwide. All Department of the Army civilians and active duty Army, Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers have AKO accounts.

Family members are authorized to establish AKO guest accounts and may use AKOs free web-based email system. This email system provides an excellent means for family members to communicate with their sponsor if the sponsor deploys. AKO also allows account-holders to chat online and post photographs or other personal information in a secure, individual knowledge center that only the sponsor and family members can access.

To register for an AKO guest account, the family member must go to <https://www.us.army.mil>, se-

lect "I'm a New User" and click on the Next button to guest accounts. On the next screen, the family member must enter the sponsor's AKO email address in the Army Sponsor box (sponsor's *username* @us.army.mil), provide the other information requested and click on Next. The family member will then be assigned an AKO user name and will be prompted to create a password. The password must have at least eight characters and include at least one letter and two numbers or special characters. Click on Finish.

An email message will be sent to the family member's sponsor requesting authorization to grant the account. The sponsor must log on to his or her AKO account and enter the Sponsor Management Console located under the My Army Portal section on the AKO Homepage to authorize the account. *(Provided by the Army in Europe Bulletin)*



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke

Move 'em out

Master Sgt. Thomas Keister, 421st Medical Evacuation Battalion maintenance noncommissioned officer in charge, helps guide a tactical vehicle onto a truck as the unit prepares to deploy to the Central Command's Area of Responsibility.

222nd BSB — Baumholder, Neubrück, Strassburg

Free training

The U.S. Army Europe Automation Training Program at Baumholder offers numerous Microsoft application and system security courses on a regular basis. Some of the training includes Microsoft Office Suite 2000; Information Assurance Computer Network Defense levels One, two and three; Windows 2000; and Information Management Officer Fundamentals.

Courses are open to soldiers, civilians working for USAREUR and family members. The classes are USAREUR funded and free to all eligible participants. The UATP is located in Building 8681. For more information call the center at mil 485-7402.

Bag sale

The Baumholder Community Spouses Club Thrift Shop is holding a bag sale April 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fill a bag with merchandise and pay only \$2 while supplies last. The thrift shop is located on Smith Barracks next to the service mart in Building 8544, across from the post exchange. Its hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Consignment hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. For more information call mil 485-6653 or civ (06783) 6-6653.

Softball action

The 2003 unit level softball competition is just around the corner. The registration deadline for the preseason tournament is April 11. An alpha roster must be attached to the letter of intent and brought to the Sports Office. Only letters of intent obtained from the Sports Office will be accepted.

This year's softball calendar is as follows:

- April 26-27, preseason tournament, entry fee is \$50, \$75 after April 11;
- April 28, registration deadline for the regular season;
- May 14, regular season begins;
- July 21-24, 222nd Base Support Battalion championship;
- Aug. 2-3, 104th Area Support Group Championship at Baumholder; and
- Aug. 8-10, U.S. Army Europe Championship in Grafenwöhr.

For more information contact the Baumholder Sports Office at mil 485-6671/7176.

Yard sale

The semiannual Baumholder yard sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 10. The yard sale will be held in all Baumholder military hous-

Post notes



Royal visit

Lt. Col. Todd Buchs, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander, and Oberstleutnant (Lt. Col.) Jürgen Muhr, German Military Training Area commander, listen as Fasching Prince Dirk I and Princess Esther I (Dirk and Esther Kaps) explain to the commanders that they are being symbolically relieved of command during the Fasching season. Also present during the Fasching takeover was Fasching committee president Frank Meschenmoser.

Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

ing areas and is open to U.S. identification card holders only. All property must be removed by 6 p.m. For more information contact the 222nd Base Support Battalion adjutant's office at mil 485-7533/6080.

Alcohol screening

National Alcohol Screening Day is April 10. Several members from the Baumholder CCC ASAP staff will be at the Shoppette from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. providing free alcohol screenings and assessments. Stop by and learn about some of the signs and symptoms that can trigger unhealthy use of alcohol.

VA briefing

A Veterans Affairs benefits briefing is scheduled to be held from 9-11 a.m. March 21 at Baumholder's Army Career and Alumni Program office. Learn about education benefits, VA home loan guarantees, disability compensation and more. For more information call mil 485-6330.

Job opening

The Baumholder Army Career and Alumni Program is seeking a full-time career counselor/workshop facilitator. A master's degree and minimum of two years in teaching/counseling/training is required. This is a tax deferred contract posi-

tion with RCI-Resource Consultants Inc. A U.S. identification card holder is preferred. Persons interested may send resumes to ericksenh@cmtymail.26asg.army.mil. For more information call mil 483-7089 or civ (06301) 411-7089.

Coaches, players

The Baumholder Sports Office is looking for coaches and players for men and women softball teams. Coach resumes should be submitted to the Sports Office by April 1. For more information contact the Baumholder Sports Office at mil 485-6671/7176.

Easter brunch

The Rheinlander Club is holding Easter activities April 20. Brunch begins at 10:30 a.m. Free activities are planned for young children in addition to the free Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 1 p.m. at the Rheinlander. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be moved to the Hall of Champions. For more information call mil 485-7507.

Child Fun Fest

Baumholder's Child Fun Fest is April 26 from 1-4 p.m. at the Rheinlander Club. Planned activities are suitable for children ages 2 to 11 years old and include a fire truck display, the Whopper Hop-

per, arts and crafts, face painting, and information booths for Education Developmental Intervention Services and Women, Infants and Children. Have your child bring a teddy to the Teddy Bear Clinic and the Baumholder Health Clinic will administer an exam, immunizations and castings for Teddy. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Learn to fly

A weekend introductory paragliding course is offered by Baumholder Outdoor Recreation. The course costs \$155 and includes three hours of classroom instruction, paragliding, transportation and gear. Course dates are scheduled for April 5-6 and 12-13. To participate, contact Outdoor Recreation at mil 485-7182.

Goju Lessons

Chinese Goju youth classes are held Mondays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at Neubrück Gym. The cost is \$30 each month and includes an official patch, testing, advancements, belts and certificates. Chinese Goju is a combination of hard and soft elements in karate and kung fu.

Swim classes

Baumholder Child and Youth Services offers swimming classes for children six months and older. Classes offered include: Parent/

Child Water Orientation for ages six months to three years; Preschool Swim Lessons for ages 3 to 5; and Level I, II, III, IV for ages 6 and up. Children can participate in synchronized swimming, water polo, stroke improvement and water safety. The cost is \$45 for eight classes. Classes are held on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Baumholder indoor swimming pool.

Pool tourneys

Rudy's on Strassburg Kaserne holds pool tournaments at 8 p.m. on the first and last Wednesdays of every month. Prizes will be awarded.

American pizza

Get real American pizza with thick crust at Rudy's in Baumholder. They make their dough fresh daily and deliver to the surrounding area. Get a made-to-order, piping hot 13-inch pizza for \$8 plus \$1 per topping. You can also dine-in at Rudy's. Dining hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 6-10 p.m.

MWR Job Fair

Job seekers, opportunity awaits you at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Job Fair. The Rheinlander hosts this event on the second Wednesday of every month. The next fair is scheduled for April 9. Doors open from 9-10 a.m. Visitors will have an opportunity to fill out applications and receive interviews on site.

Youth clubs

Journalism Club

The Journalism Club is available to youth wishing to further develop their writing or journalism skills. Youth work with an adviser to produce and publicize their own internet newspaper, magazine and support the Automation Club with articles.

Automation Club

The main goal of the Automation Club is to enhance youth knowledge of computer and Internet automation applications. Members learn to produce web pages, format HTML documents and how to trouble shoot hardware problems.

Audio/Video Club

Members of the Audio/Video Club support the Journalism Club with digital pictures or video of recreational, sporting or community events. They learn to produce digital video and audio tracks.

These three clubs will be responsible for submitting information for the planned Youth Services web page.

For more information call the Teen Café at mil 485-7062; the Underground at mil 485-6937; Strassburg Youth Services at mil 485-8625; Neubrück Youth Services at mil 485-7731; or Youth Services administration at mil 485-7276.

AFAP moves on

Fourteen issues emerged during Baumholder's Army Family Action Plan conference Feb. 4 and 5. Of the 14 issues six were deemed unattainable at the local level and were forwarded to the 104th Area Support Group for inclusion in their conference. Issues forwarded to the 104th ASG are:

- Authorization of second privately owned vehicle shipment;
- AFN radio reception;
- Overseas travel of noncustodial children;
- Deduction of BAS;
- Guidance Counselors in all DoDDs schools; and

Issues that were deemed resolvable at the local level include:

- Pay as you go BAS;
- Access to chaplains of all denominations;
- Use of local/German Maneuver Training Areas;
- Government sponsored civilian travel;
- Improve internet access for barracks dwellers;
- Youth access to information;

Support services

- Youth exchange program; and
- School lunch variety.

At the 104th ASG conference in Wiesbaden March 12, three of the five issues from Baumholder were submitted to IMA Europe for additional resolution. They are:

- Deduction of BAS;
- Overseas travel of noncustodial children; and
- Guidance counselors in all DoDDs schools.

Representing the Baumholder community was Beth Curran, AFAP coordinator, and Sgt. 1st Class Molly Coufal, 47th Forward Support Battalion family readiness liaison.

Emergency relief

The Army Emergency Relief Campaign is now under way and runs through May 15. Army Emergency Relief works to assist soldiers, retirees and family members in time of financial need. In addition, AER offers scholarship op-

portunities to spouses and dependents of active duty service members attending post-secondary, undergraduate education. AER receives no money from the military and relies on contributions from the community to continue the mission.

Contact your unit AER representative to contribute or contact AER at mil485-8188 or civ(06783)6-8188.

Sun block

Several Baumholder volunteers assisted with wrapping more than 2,500 bottles of sunscreen to be shipped out to Camp Dahoe. Dubbed Operation Sun Block, the effort provided relief for the increased demand for sun block in the region. The request was sent out through the volunteer community and the Red Cross to step up and support this mission.

Relocation info

The relocation facility will be offering the following classes and meeting in the month of April:

- Newcomer's Orientation and Welcome class, April 7-9, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Army Community Service lounge
- Sponsorship Training, April

10-17, 10-11:30 a.m. at the ACS conference room

● International Spouses' Club meeting, April 2 and 16, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the ACS lounge. Children are welcome.

Call Relocation at mil 485-8188 to sign up for any of these classes or meetings.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in the U.S. Army, highlighted by the annual national Blue Ribbon Campaign.

During April the 222nd Base Support Battalion Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will continue the tradition of the Blue Ribbon Campaign. The Army's theme for this year is "Our Country, Our Children: Protecting Them Both." Dates for contest entry and judging will be announced.

While we focus our attention on protecting our country and our way of life we must also remember that our children are our greatest resource and we must always protect them. All members of the 222nd BSB community must take responsibility for keeping our children safe.

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Family Advocacy Program has the following activities and events scheduled for the month of April:

● The Blue Ribbon Campaign will kick off April 4 at 11 a.m. with a blue ribbon cutting ceremony at Army Community Service.

● Blue ribbons will be distributed in the schools, child development centers, and various locations throughout the community during the first week of April.

● The Family Advocacy Program will operate an information table at the Post Exchange April 1, 2, 15 and 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

● The Family Advocacy Program will sponsor a Blue Ribbon Campaign coloring contest for elementary school age children. The theme for the contest will be "Our Country, Our Children: Protecting Them Both." Dates for contest entry and judging will be announced.

● The Family Advocacy Program will participate in the annual Fun Fest, Child and Youth Services grand event in honor of the Month of the Military Child and Week of the Young Child. This event will be held April 26 at the Rheinlander Club.

● The Family Advocacy and New Parent Education and Support programs, as always, are available to provide classes upon request for units, family readiness groups, professional organizations, and more on any prevention-related topic.



Andrew Oppliger, Casey Wojcik, Robert Watson and Quindel Perkins assemble a cabinet at the new School-Age Services facility.

Scouts aid new SAS

Andrew Oppliger of Boy Scout Troop 96 recently organized an Eagle Scout project that consisted of organizing \$300,000 worth of materials with the assistance of 20 other scouts and scout leaders.

The project included assembling shelves and cabinets and stocking those shelves and cabinets with toys and materials for the new Wetzel School-Age Services building.

The project took three days to complete. During the first two days soldiers from the 40th Engineer Battalion helped out by organizing the boxes of materials to be assembled and clearing out a work space in the basement of the Wetzel SAS. Then, the Scouts of Troop 96

descended upon the Wetzel SAS to assemble and stocked.

When they were finished they left behind a mountain of cardboard and a fully stocked and organized Wetzel SAS store room.

The troop appreciates the assistance of several individuals who took time out to make a difference. They are: Sgt 1st Class Don Sparks, Mr. Cornell, Mr. Allen, Mr. Black, Sgt John and Molly Hlebik, Tim, Susan Oppliger and Natalie Oppliger.

The following scouts assisted with the project: Devin Cowans, Nick Dougan, Marc Groene, Quindel Perkins, Ignacio Suarez, Michael Walter, Robert Watson, Casey and Nathan Wojcik, Chris Woods.

Charlie, 2-6th deploys

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

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The soldiers of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry, deployed March 18 from Baumholder in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The company deployed for duty in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility for an undetermined period.

"We have been called to do our duty in the defense of freedom and the global war on terrorism. Each and every one of us will be called upon sacrifice and experience hardships that cannot be foreseen," said Maj. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, 1st Armored Division commander in an address to the soldiers and families during the farewell ceremony.

"Our deployment is for an indefinite period of time and we will be deploying into an unforgiving environment that will demand iron discipline from every leader and every soldier. I have no doubt that every soldier in Charlie, 2-6th Infantry, will answer this call to arms with distinction.

"You will carry the burden of the defense of American ideals on your shoulders. You will not fail. The fundamental values that are so important to our Army will be a source of strength for you. Do not abandon them," he said.

Addressing the families of the soldiers Sanchez said they too have been called upon to serve, but he reassured them they would have all the support they would need to help them through the period that the soldiers were deployed.

"All of these soldiers who are standing before us in formation are about to deploy, but a significant part of the heart and soul of this

proud unit will remain in Baumholder, their families. To the families of Charlie, 2-6th Infantry, your task here will be formidable, and you too have been called upon to sacrifice. You too have been called to do your duty. And you too have been called to support your soldier. Just like your soldier, I know that you are strong and ready.

"You will fulfill your service to your country with a support team from your rear detachment, your Family Readiness Groups, our base support battalions, and your own internal support organizations, and all of the great Army organizations that we have such as the Army Community Service, our Red Cross and other assets from our Army and our division," said Sanchez.

Emphasizing the importance of the support families would receive Sanchez added, "As your soldier relies on his friends at his side... you and your family can rely on a support structure that we have worked so hard to provide to you here in this community."

Addressing the soldiers once again he explained that their strength derived not just from their training but their families as well. "We do not know what the future holds for each one of us personally as we embark on this great journey. What we do know is that we will always rely on the strength that we derive from our families, our fellow soldiers, our training and most importantly, our faith," he said.

As the ceremony came to a close the soldiers immediately began filing out of the Hall of Champions. Standing at the doorway, Sanchez and Col. J.D. Johnson, 2nd Brigade commander, personally shook each soldier's hand and wished them well as they departed Baumholder.



A family shares a group hug at the Hall of Champions before the departure ceremony of Company C, 2-6th Infantry.



Family members comfort their children and listen to Maj. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, 1st Armored Division commander, as he addresses the departing soldiers. Photo right: Sanchez bids farewell to a departing soldier.



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ACAP services

The Baumholder Army Community Alumni Program office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ACAP is also open during lunch to assist clients. Soldiers scheduled to separate can get information about their options at ACAP. ACAP offers preseparation briefings, job assistance workshops and job assistance counseling that can help soldiers review their options and assess how the skills developed in the Army can be transferred into civilian life. Soldiers can make appointments for ACAP services at mil485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330.

Preseparation

Soldiers must complete a mandatory preseparation briefing at ACAP no later than 90 days before their estimated date of separation. Appointments are available every day at 9 a.m. and require approximately an hour and a half.

Job assistance

ACAP offers job assistance workshops and counseling to help with the transition from the military to the civilian job market. Two day workshops are offered by formal

Classes and training

instruction every other Tuesday. The next workshops are April 15-16 and 29-30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Job assistance can also be accessed through ACAP's computer system and covers such topics as how to create a resume, find jobs, network, and interview. Clients can cover topics by computer at their own pace.

Call to schedule an appointment, or drop by any afternoon to work with ACAP's computer-based job assistance tools. For more information call ACAP at mil485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330.

The center is open during training holidays but customers are reminded that the center is closed one Thursday a month for training, from noon till close of business.

Spouses ACAP

Any family member of a soldier scheduled to separate is eligible to receive services from the Army Career and Alumni Program. Orders are not needed and the sponsor does not have to be present for the

spouse to attend ACAP classes or to receive assistance from ACAP counselors. Even if a soldier is deployed, spouses can still receive ACAP assistance in Baumholder.

ACAP offers job assistance workshops and professional counselors to help advise soldiers during the career transition process. Counselors will help clients think through issues such as a civilian budget, searching the job market, writing a resume, and preparing for job interviews. Take advantage of ACAP services now to begin planning for the future.

Call to schedule an appointment at mil485-6741/6330 or civ (06783) 6-6741/6330.

See your VA rep

A Veterans Affairs representative visits Baumholder April 18 at 10 a.m. for a briefing. Soldiers contemplating retirement or retired veterans living in the community can contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center for more informa-

tion. That office is specifically geared to help soldiers on an MEB. The office is located at LRMC in Building 3700, Room 214. For more information call mil486-7781.

Learn German

Register now for the Adult Education courses Conversational German I and II, Conversational Italian I, and Cooking and Cake Decorating at the Baumholder Army

Education Center. Call Bill Badger at mil485-8891 for more information.

Register now

Registration is now in-progress for the next college semester at Baumholder's Army Education Center, in Building 8323. A full schedule of classes is available. Stop in for a schedule today.

Teachers needed

Baumholder's Adult Education Program is looking for teachers for the Conversational German and Sign Language programs. Those interested should call Bill Badger at

mil485-8891 for more information.

Loan repayment

Soldiers who participated in the Army's Loan Repayment Program and enlisted after Jan. 5, 2001, may be eligible to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill Education Program. See an education counselor today to see if you qualify.

Earn your degree

Now is the time to plan your college schedule. Visit an educational counselor at Baumholder's Army Education Center, located in Building 8332. Complete all your general education requirements at Baumholder.

Tuition assistance

Army tuition assistance now pays 100 percent of tuition expenses for soldiers, with an annual fiscal year cap of \$4,500 and a per semester hour cap of \$250. Call the education center at mil485-8891 for more information.

GI Bill benefits

Soldiers are now allowed to contribute an additional \$600 to the GI Bill, which results in an additional \$5,400 of education benefits.